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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Monte G. Rydalch

Application No.: 10/686,546

Filed: October 14, 2003

For: DRILL-OPERATED TOOL TO
ASSIST IN THE OPENING OF
FIBER-OPTIC CABLES

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 3481

Examiner: Dondero, William E.

Technology Center/Art Unit: 3654

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.



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		Filing Date	October 14, 2003
		First Named Inventor	Rydalch, Monte G.
		Art Unit	3722
		Examiner Name	Not yet assigned
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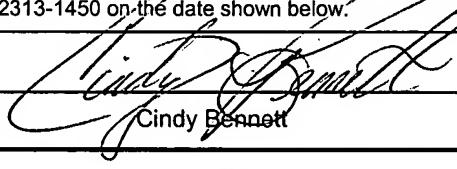
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